

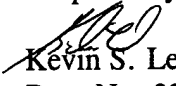
Group II, claims 2-3 and 4(2,3) drawn to a second composition; and

Group III, claims 7-9, drawn to a method of making.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 2-3 and 4(2,3) drawn to a second composition. By the accompanying amendment, claims to the non-elected invention have been cancelled.

The Examiner objects to claims 5-6 and 10-12 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being improper. By the foregoing amendment, claim 4 has been amended to eliminate its dependency on cancelled claim 1, and claims 5 and 6 have been amended to correct the improper multiple dependencies. It is believed that claims 5 and 6 fall within the elected Group.

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1. (Cancelled)
2. (Unchanged)
3. (Unchanged)
4. (Amended) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in [any one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 2
or 3 wherein the content of nitrocellulose in the pyrotechnic composition is 0.6 to 12 % by weight.
5. (Amended) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in [any one of Claims 1 to 4] Claim
2 wherein the contents of the oxidizing agent, the fuel and the color producing agent are 40 to 60 %
by weight, 10 to 25 % by weight and 15 to 50 % by weight, respectively.
6. (Amended) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in [any one of Claims 1 to 5] Claim
2 which is a star or a lance of fireworks.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)

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✓ 1. (Cancelled)

2. (Unchanged)

3. (Unchanged)

4. (Amended) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 or 3 wherein the content of nitrocellulose in the pyrotechnic composition is 0.6 to 12 % by weight.

5. (Amended) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the contents of the oxidizing agent, the fuel and the color producing agent are 40 to 60 % by weight, 10 to 25 % by weight and 15 to 50 % by weight, respectively.

6. (Amended) A pyrotechnic composition as claimed in Claim 2 which is a star or a lance of fireworks.

✓ 7. (Cancelled)

✓ 8. (Cancelled)

✓ 9. (Cancelled)

✓ 10. (Cancelled)

✓ 11. (Cancelled)

✓ 12. (Cancelled)